Amend the claims as follows:

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein said agent is a CD44 oligopeptide selected from the group consisting of CD44-1 (SEQ ID NO:1), CD44-2 (SEQ ID NO:2), CD44-3 (SEQ ID NO:3), CD44-4 (SEQ ID NO:4), CD44-5 (SEQ ID NO:5), CD44-6 (SEQ ID NO:6), CD44-6a (SEQ ID NO:7), CD44-7 (SEQ ID NO:8), CD44-8 (SEQ ID NOS: 9, 10 AND 11), CD44-9 (SEQ ID NO:12), CD44-10 (SEQ ID NO:13), CD44-11 (SEQ ID NO:14), CD44-12 (SEQ ID NO:15), and CD44-13 (SEQ ID NO:16).

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application covering same. That the claims have been revised/canceled should not be construed as an indication that Applicants agree with any view expressed by the Examiner. Rather, the claims have been evised/canceled merely to advance prosecution.